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### IN THE CLAIMS:

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### Amend Claims 14, 15 and 20 as follows:

14. (Amended) The synthetic paper as claimed in claim [1] 13, wherein the modified low-molecular weight polypropylene as component D is a polymer obtained by additionally reacting the modified low-molecular weight polypropylene [as claimed in claim 13] with an aliphatic amine selected from monomethanolamine, monoisopropanolamine, diethanolamine, and diisopropanolamine.

#### **CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.10**

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